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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MNUC, PARM, PFOR, KS

SUBJECT: KOREAN NUCLEAR INTENTIONS

1. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR DEPARTMENT'S NOON BRIEFING FEBRUARY 3.

QUOTE: QUESTION: DOES KOREA PRESENTLY HAVE THE CAPACITY TO PRODUCE A NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE, AS CLAIMED IN A NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE ON JANUARY 31?

ANSWER: NO. AS YOU KNOW, THE ROK HAS SIGNED THE NPT AND HAS STATED ITS INTENTION OF ADHERING TO ITS PROVISIONS.  
END QUOTE.

2. NUCLEAR QUESTION WAS NOT RAISED AT BRIEFING.

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